

# Question and Answer Session

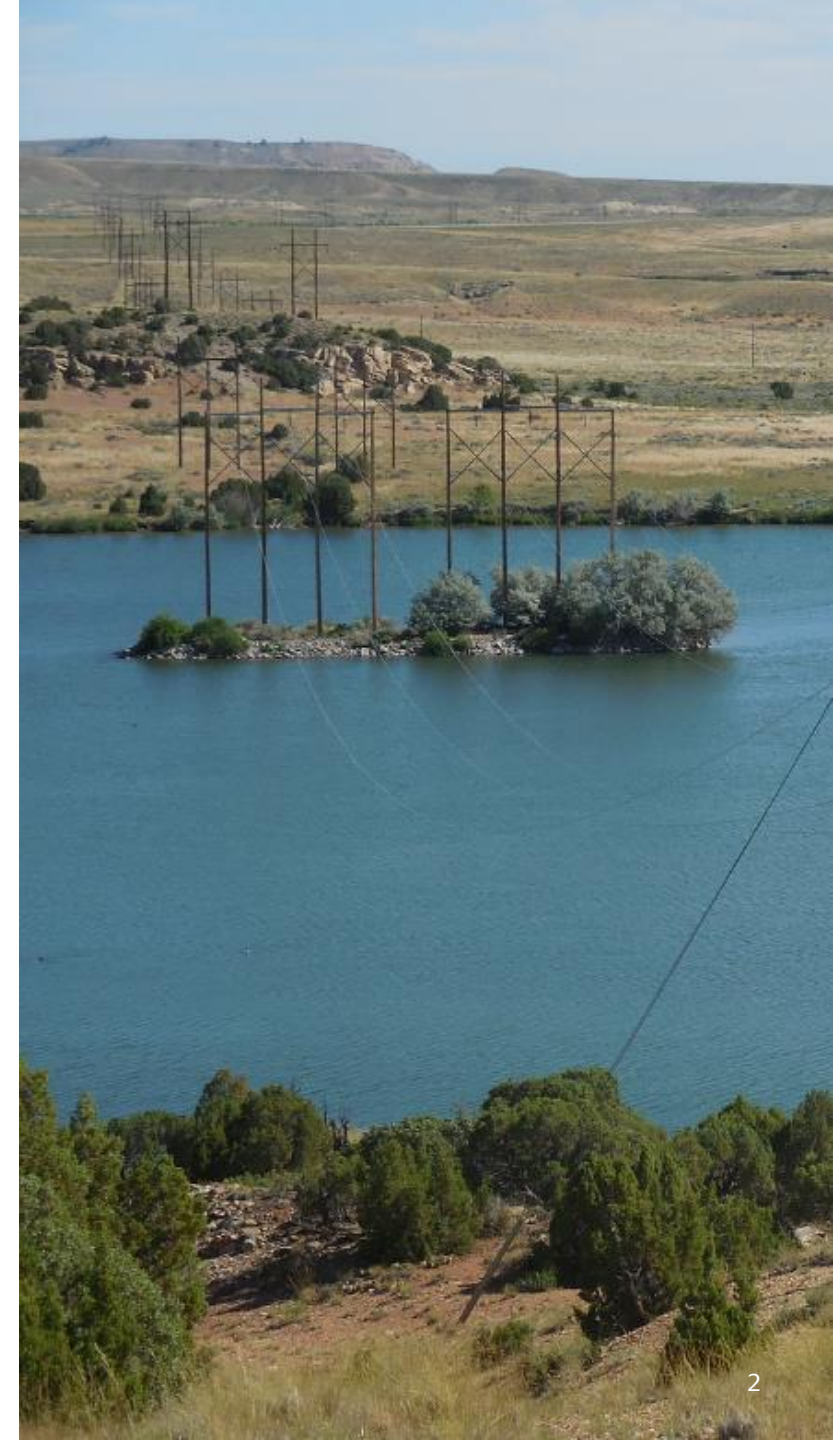
Recommendation to Pursue Final Negotiations Regarding  
Southwest Power Pool (SPP)  
Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Membership

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**Moderator**



# Housekeeping items

- The purpose of this question and answer session is to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to ask clarifying questions about the April 17 Recommendation Report and the May 11 Public Information Meeting.
  - April 17, 2023 [Recommendation Report](#)
  - May 11, 2023:
    - [RTO West FRN - Public Information Meeting presentation](#) (PDF)
    - [RTO West FRN - Public Information Meeting recording](#) (YouTube)
    - [RTO West FRN - Question and Answer Session recording](#) (YouTube)
- This webinar is being recorded. If you do not want your image or voice recorded, you are welcome to submit questions in the chat rather than having your camera on and speaking.
  - A video recording of this webinar will be posted.
  - A court reporter is transcribing this webinar.



# Recommendation

*“Recommendation for the Western Area Power Administration’s Rocky Mountain (RM) Region and Colorado River Storage Project Management Center (CRSP) to Pursue Final Negotiations Regarding Membership in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional Transmission Organization (RTO), and for the Upper Great Plains (UGP) Region to Expand its Participation.”*

Presentations along with the associated *Federal Register* notice (FRN), Recommendation Report, and supporting materials are posted on WAPA’s website at:

<https://www.wapa.gov/About/keytopics/Pages/southwest-power-pool-membership.aspx>





WAPA published a *Federal Register* notice on April 28, 2023, regarding SPP RTO membership. WAPA seeks public comment from its customers and stakeholders on the substance of WAPA's recommendation to pursue final negotiations regarding RM's and CRSP's membership in the SPP RTO, and UGP's expanded participation. A decision about whether to pursue the recommendation will be informed by comments received and will be posted to WAPA's website.



# Public comment period process

- Public comment period
  - Started April 28, 2023
  - Ends June 12, 2023
- Submitting comments
  - Please submit comments in writing by June 12, 2023. Email and postal addresses are included in the FRN and on the next slide.
  - If you made comments prior to the start of the comment period, you must resubmit them in writing during the comment period for consideration.
  - Comments will not be accepted after the close of the comment period.
- Materials
  - All materials associated with this recommendation including the Recommendation Report, presentations, recordings, and supporting documents are or will be available via <https://www.wapa.gov/About/keytopics/Pages/southwest-power-pool-membership.aspx>
  - WAPA will disclose other communications that occur during the comment period regarding the RTO initiative by posting them on the website listed above. Additionally, WAPA personnel will continue to participate in public industry activities and discussions regarding markets.



# Submitting formal comments

Comments must be submitted in writing and received by June 12, 2023, to ensure consideration in WAPA's decision process and should include the following information:

1. Name and general description of the entity submitting the comment.
2. Name, telephone number, and email address of the entity's primary contact.
3. Identification of any specific element of the recommendation that the comment references.

Please send written comments to either of the following:

- Via email: [SPP-Comments@wapa.gov](mailto:SPP-Comments@wapa.gov)
- Via regular mail:

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# Questions

- First, we'll address any written questions received.
- Then, attendees will have multiple options for asking questions:
  - Raise your hand in Teams.
  - Submit questions in the chat and the facilitator will read them.
  - Phone-only participant questions.
- Please include your name and the organization you represent with your question.
- If you have a question about a specific slide, please note the slide number.

Please note this session is to answer questions and *is not* for comments. Formal comments need to be submitted in writing to be considered.





# Answer panel

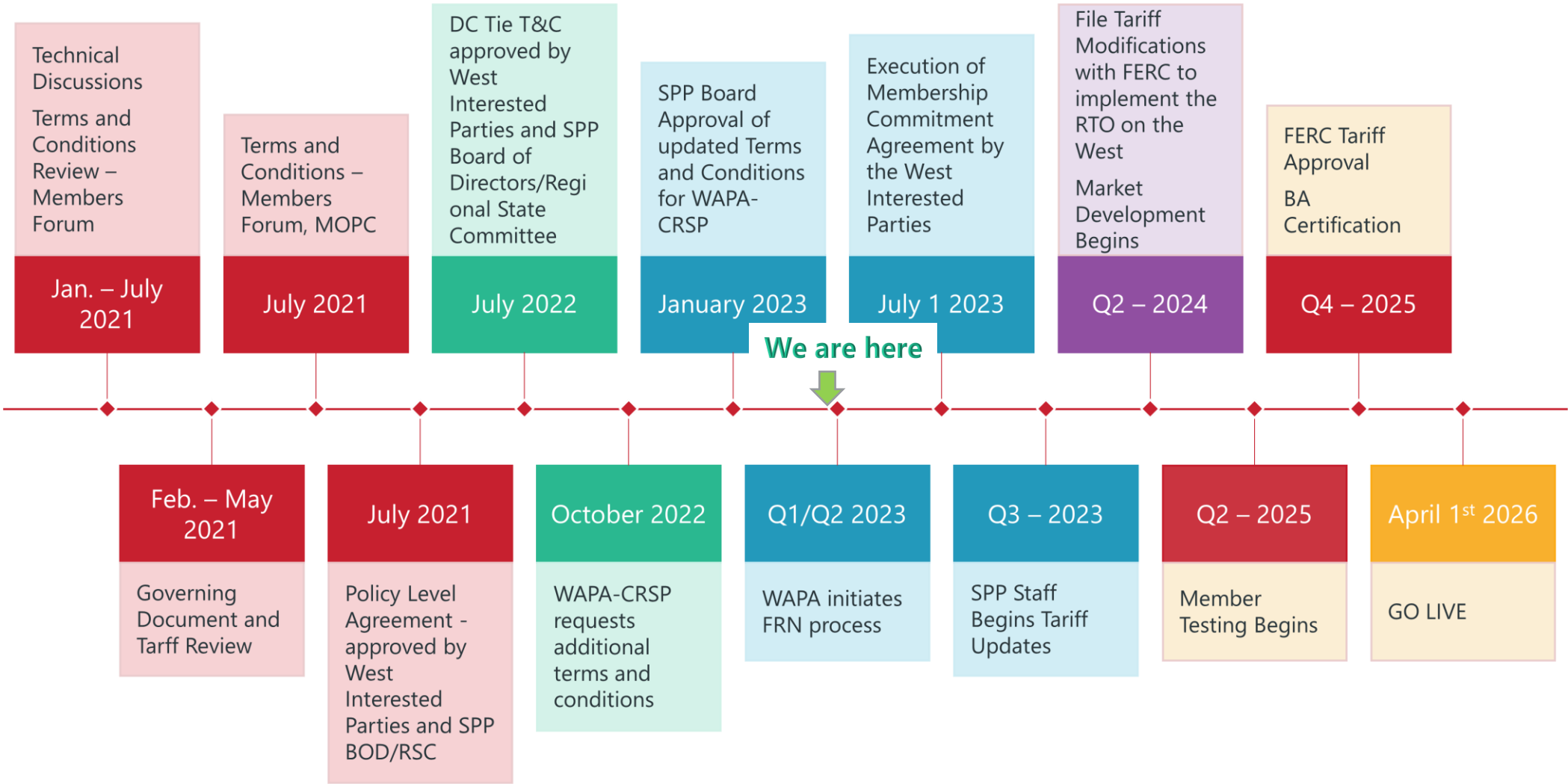
We've assembled a panel to respond to questions received.

Subject matter experts include:

- Chrystal Dean - Vice President Enterprise Portfolio Management
- Gary Hoffman – Attorney-Advisor
- Rebecca Johnson - Transmission and Power Markets Advisor
- Dave Neumayer - Vice President of Power Marketing, Rocky Mountain Region
- Brent Osiek - Acting Vice President of Power Marketing, Colorado River Storage Project
- Steve Sanders – Strategic Electric Industry Restructuring Advisor, Upper Great Plains Region



# Preliminary RTO-West implementation timeline



# Responses to comments and decision letter

- All written comments received by June 12 and responses to those comments will be posted on WAPA's website after the end of comment period.
- Following consideration of the comments, WAPA's Administrator will issue a decision that will be posted on WAPA's website.





# Thank you for your time. We appreciate your participation in this process.

All materials associated with the SPP RTO FRN are publicly available at:

<https://www.wapa.gov/About/keytopics/Pages/southwest-power-pool-membership.aspx>



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